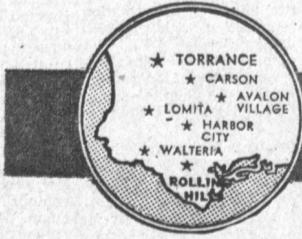


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Detectives Walk into Holdup; Capture Two Armed Desperados

EDITORIAL . . .

No Critics on Advisory Committee

Governor Edmund G. Brown Tuesday told interviewers that he was certain that the California Legislature would approve increased state aid for schools at the first session in 1961 and that he would personally campaign for more money for local school districts.

In spite of this assurance, Torrance voters will be asked to approve a 50 cent tax override to build up the budget for school expenditures next year.

Only four months were allowed to elapse after the overwhelming defeat of a similar bid for tax money before Torrance voters were asked to change their mind and approve a nearly identical request.

NEITHER HIGH NOR LOW

Torrance schools are not a part of the most highly financed district in the state.

Neither are they in the lower income brackets.

Other districts with a similar population and a similar property valuation have been able to get along quite well on a similar budget.

The Torrance Press does feel that the voters of this community are being treated like erring children in being given a second chance to 'do right' after making their wishes so definitely known on the October ballot.

The Press also feels that if the Board of Education were as strongly concerned with economy as they have claimed, the tremendous expense of a special election could have been saved by deferring the February ballot until the Board election a few months later.

LACK OF ECONOMY

Opponents of the measure have pointed out that the only reason that more money is needed to finance the district is the lack of economy in school spending.

These same opponents are conspicuous by their absence from the special 'advisory committee' appointed last week by the Board to check into school spending.

It is recommended that each interested voter check for himself the possibility of increased state aid to schools before he commits himself to further tax burdens on the local level.

If the Legislature approves increased aid the move will necessitate further tax increases which will eventually be funneled down to the individual local homeowner.

There is no purpose in paying the same bill twice!



CRIME WAVE HITS CITY—Torrance Police were active yesterday morning checking out the 'Smash and Grab' at Lawson's Jewelers, and arresting and booking armed bandits. Left, Abe Robinson, Lawson owner, ruefully surveys shattered glass through which bandits lifted motion picture equipment. Right, booking officers Miles Hamilton, Wally Nitz, and Lt. Robert Wright, conduct suspects Glen W. Harder and Joseph O. Rangel, both of Gardena, in to the bureau for questioning. Arresting officers caught the two in the act of robbing Torrance liquor store.

Officers Hold Bandits at Bay; Rescue Manager

Two pasty-faced narcotics addicts were caught in the act during a liquor store holdup Wednesday morning.

Booked at Torrance Police Station were Glen W. Harder, 18, 2612 W. 157th St. Gardena, and Joseph O. Rangel, 19, 1828 W. 156th Court, also of Gardena.

Arresting officers Detectives Sam Piazza and Don Cook reported that they were manning a special crime prevention unit when they pulled up outside Bill Moore's Liquors, 20317 Hawthorne Blvd., and saw the two suspects holding a gun on the clerk of the store who was lying prostrate on the floor.

SHAKEN

Store manager Bud Hemon, of 21326 So. Normandie, shaken by his experience, said that the suspects had taken all of the money in the shop, already packaged in three paper bags to be taken home, and were apparently deciding what to do with him when the arresting officers walked in.

Arresting officer Cook held the two suspects at bay with a shotgun while partner Piazza disarmed and handcuffed them.

The two suspects were booked on armed robbery charges and suspicion of violating the state narcotic laws.

CHIEF'S IDEA

Special crime prevention units, which were put into operation by the city's detective bureau on December 1, are a development of Police

HONOR DEAD OFFICER

Board of Supervisors Tuesday adjourned in honor of Officer Richard D. Kent, killed last week by a bandit he surprised while holding up a store. The officer, who lived at 18509 Spinning Ave., is survived by his widow, Mary Jane, and three minor children. Motion to adjourn was introduced by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORED . . .

Santa Claus Will Tour Torraneduled 'Copter Stops Afternoon During Eleven Schce Saturday Morning,

Santa Claus, patron saint of children and, surreptitiously, of most adults, will make his first appearance of the season Saturday when he visits Torrance, via helicopter.

The good saint will make

eleven different calls in the city of Torrance during his five and one-half hour visit, reported the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

Touring via helicopter, Saint Nick will drop from the clouds into downtown Torrance at 9 a.m. and then will continue to ten other locations within the city, ending his visit at 2:20 p.m.

Favors will be presented to youngsters at each of the scheduled stops.

SCHEDULED VISITS

Santa's schedule for the day is: 9-9:20 a.m. downtown Torrance, Home Savings and Loan parking lot, 1511 Cravens Ave.; 9:30-9:50 a.m., Fox Market, 182nd St. and Arlington Ave.; 10-10:20 a.m. Yor-Way Market, 16635 Crenshaw Blvd.; 10:30-10:50 a.m., Food Giant Market, 190th St. and Anza (Northwest Torrance Shopping Center); 11-11:20 a.m. Fox Market, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd.; 11:30-11:50 a.m., Borders Market, 5305 Torrance Blvd.

NOON STOP

During the noon stop Santa will remain in the Border's Market parking lot. Market authorities urged all parents and youngsters to come early and see Santa Land. Favors and other Yule goodies will be given to the youngsters.

During the afternoon tour Santa's agenda will include: 12 noon to 12:30 p.m., Thriftmart Market, 22217 Palos Verdes Blvd., Southwood Shopping Center; 12:30-12:50 p.m., Von's Market, 5030 Pacific Coast Highway; 1-1:20 p.m., Food Giant Market, Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway in WALTERIA; 1:30-1:50 p.m., Foods company Market, Crenshaw Blvd. at 2:2-30 p.m., Magic Chef Market, Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St., (Del Amo Center).

Hundreds of Torrance youngsters and their parents are expected to turn out at each of the scheduled stops. Glowing-eyed children will welcome the

good saint back to Torrance after a year's absence and, in turn, will receive gifts of candy and other favors.

SPEED LIMIT RAISED

Officers of the State Division of Highways yesterday reported that the speed limit on Artesia Blvd. in Torrance will be raised from 35 to 40 miles an hour.

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SHAKEN DRIVER — Mary Elizabeth Mehal, 22, 2236 W. 237th St., is shown as she was comforted by passers-by after a head-on collision Tuesday evening at the corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne. Car driven by the woman collided with another driven by Alfred Allred, 39, 4809 Via El Sereno. Both were hospitalized for checkup after accident.



FIRST SIGN OF CHRISTMAS — Youngsters peering into gaily decorated store windows, first sign of Christmas, was a familiar sight this week along Torrance Blvd., as local shop-owners finished their Yule touches. Most merchants will remain open evenings during the entire holiday period. Christmas season will kickoff with eleven scheduled appearances of helicopter-borne Santa Claus in Torrance Saturday.

Most Downtown Stores Open This Sun.